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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP:
SUBJECT: Intelligence Assistance to the Advanced Study Group.

- 1. Inclosed herewith is memorandum from Plans and Operations Division, WDGS, subject as above, dated 4 June 1947.
- 2. It is recommended that favorable consideration be given to this request.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP:
Through: The Director, Intelligence Division, War Department
General Staff.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Assistance to the Advanced Study Group.

- 1. War Department Memorandum number 10-15-1, dated 1 May 1947, set forth the duties of the Advanced Study Group of the Plans & Operations Division, War Department General Staff, and certain authorizations which are quoted below:
 - "2. The Advanced Study Group evolves concepts of national security in light of the advancements of the atomic age, considers the effect of such concepts upon the military art, and based thereon, prepares studies and recommendations which may be utilized in establishing appropriate tactics, techniques, organization, concepts, and policies by the War Department agencies specifically charged with such responsibility.
 - "a. Consult with any person as an individual in the War Department on subjects pertinent to its mission.
 - "b. Communicate and consult with War Department and other governmental agencies, with appropriate non-governmental agencies, and with qualified civilians, as necessary to the accomplishment of its mission."
- 2. This Group has been freed from all current activities of the War Department and given the extensive latitude in procedure as indicated by the foregoing quotation. This was done in order to make available the time and opportunity for creative study and the direct access to the basic information which will be needed to undertake properly studies of the long-range future.
- 3. Access to the best available intelligence is a prerequisite to the Group studies. These studies must be correlated with the intentions and capabilities of foreign nations particularly with respect to atomic weapons, other weapons of mass destruction, such as biological warfare, and their various means of employment. Since national security

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depends upon the proper integration of the political, economic, social and military factors, evaluation of intentions and capabilities in all of those fields is needed.

- 4. The Group can probably obtain the bulk of the intelligence that it needs from the reports and estimates prepared by the Central Intelligence Group and the War and Navy Department Intelligence agencies. However, it would be most valuable if such estimates bould be supplemented by informal discussions directly with the individuals responsible for the evaluation of various aspects within the Central Intelligence Group.
- 5. It is requested, therefore, that the Advanced Study Group, Plans & Operations Division, WDGS:
- a. Be placed on the distribution list for reports covering the broad problems as outlined in paragraph 3 above. (Decision as to specific types of reports could be made after informal discussion with the appropriate Central Intelligence Group staff members).
- b. Be authorized to discuss matters relating to the evaluation and basis of intelligence estimates with such staff members of Centre. Intelligence Group as may be appropriate.

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Acting Chief, Advanced Study Group

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